

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events!

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Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Come take a ride on "The Lonidaw," a replica of a 1902 model electric boat built by Elco.

Explore on a 45-minute leisurely tour of the first and second basins of Lake James where you learn the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park.

Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12.

See Inn for times and details.



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

All Programs are Eastern Daylight Savings Time!

Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at

www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Saturday October 4

- 10:00am **Fall Fishing Fun!** Join Interpreter Aaron at the Inn Beach where he will provide some introduction and instruction for a morning of fishing. Children under 17 do not require a license. Bait, poles, and tackle provided on a limited basis, or bring your own. AH
- 3:00pm **A Golden Opportunity.** That's what we'll have to see some interesting things associated with our often maligned goldenrod plant. Today, we'll meet at the Nature Center Front Deck from where we'll head out to a nearby open area to see the variety of goldenrod plants and the variety of insects that call them home. Prepare for a little off-trail walking on this one hour guided tour. AH

Sunday October 5

- 8:00am **Autumn Morning Meander.** Join us out on the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning jaunt up the road and through the marsh and back. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. It's a refreshing way to start your day and before heading home from the weekend. Join walk leader, guest naturalist and Nature Center volunteer, Emilio Vazquez.
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop on by the Nature Center Auditorium and watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourself! AH

Saturday October 11



- 10:30am **The Tree ID Spree!** Ever want to know a neat and easy way to identify trees?... Come to the Nature Center Program Area and pick up a key for unlocking the identities to some of our common local trees. Then take it home to unlock the mysteries of your own backyard! Great program for fall leaf collections. FW
- 3:00pm **Down and Dirty, Exploring the Underground.** We may get a little dirty, but that's okay, we're playing in a park! We'll explore the fascinating world of what's at ground level in and around fallen logs and the forest floor. Meet on the Nature Center Front Deck for this short woodland discovery walk. SS

Sunday October 12

- 8:00am **Return of the Snowbird Jaunt.** Will this be the first Sunday we record the Dark-eyed Junco returning for the winter? Join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for our weekly Sunday morning jaunt and bird search. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours as we search for the snowbird and other critters on this mid October morning. FW
- 2:00pm **Stockbridge Audubon Meeting and Public Program: "Evergreens and Tundra: A Bird Study of Washington and Alaska."** Stockbridge member, birder, and stellar Fifth Grade Teacher by profession, Sam Plew, will share images and stories to capture the natural beauty and special birds of this remarkable region of our country. Sam spent two weeks there, seeing 270 species of birds, including 18 snowy owls in under 4 hours! Open to the public and great program for the family. Join us!

Saturday October 18

- 10:00am **Bluebird Hills Hiking – Prairie Seed Collecting.** Put on your walking shoes for this one and meet at the Spring Shelter from where we'll walk towards Hell's Point, then branch off onto Trail 7 or 8. If the morning is dry, we'll stop along the way to bag some seeds to propagate prairie plants for other park areas. Each family can take home a starter kit for a free native grass ornamental. We'll be out for a couple of hours, so a water bottle or canteen is recommended. FW

Sunday October 19

- 8:00am **Fresh Air Walk.** Nothing beats an early morning for fresh air walking and a chance meeting with wildlife. Join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for a 1-½ hour discovery hike. Bring binoculars, if you have some, or borrow a pair of ours, to spot the early birds and any other animals out and about. Don't miss it! FW

Saturday October 25

- 10:00am **Tamaracks are Turning – A Walk.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve wetlands to see if these deciduous conifers are starting to turn to their smoky gold of autumn. FW
- 2:00pm **Candle Dipping Time.** Gather around the warm fire at the Nature Center Program Area and learn of the early ways of making candles. Give it a try yourself and take home a memory to light your way during a cold winter night. AH



More Programs on the next page!

Saturday night, October 25

Ghost Tales!

6:30pm

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And other stories of the season!

8:30pm

\$1.00 per person, per session

Two separate sessions designed

For two age groups!

6:30 - parents with younger children

8:30 – older children and adults



Refreshments from the witch's brew courtesy of the Potawatomi Inn



Seating will be picnic tables. You may also bring blankets and lawn chairs for floor seating...



You might want to bring a friend to hold on to!



Parking available in North Beach Parking Lot (CCC Shelter parking).



Allow for a 5-minute drive from Inn.
From town, allow time to get through the main gate and back to the shelter.



Flashlight recommended for the walk to and from parking lot.

Follow the glowing bags (if you dare!) and walk back to the C.C.C. Shelter to join storytellers Lou Ann Homan and Steve Etheridge for this very special, entertaining evening of traditional, scary tales of the season!

Sponsored in part by the Potawatomi Inn and Pokagon Interpretive Services.

Sunday October 26

8:00am

Frost on the Pumpkins Walk! Will we encounter a frost on our traditional Sunday morning, 1 ½ hour walk? Bundle up and join us on the Inn Sun Deck for a fresh air jaunt and find out. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. FW

Nature Center Autumn Hours:
Monday-Friday, 1pm to 5pm. Weekends: 10am to 5pm.

